

***** A M E N D E D *****
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD

Notice is hereby given to Members of the Arizona State Parks Board (Board) and the general public that the Board will hold a meeting, open to the public on **Friday, September 19, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.** pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02 and A.R.S. § 41-511.01 *et. seq.* at the **Peoria Council Chambers** located at **8401 W. Monroe St., Peoria, AZ.** The Board may elect to hold an Executive Session for any agenda item at any time during the meeting to discuss or consult with its legal counsel for legal advice on matters listed on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A) (3). Items on the Agenda may be discussed out of order, unless they have been specifically noted to be set for a time certain. Public comment will be taken. The Board will discuss and may take action on the following matters.

AGENDA

(Agenda items may be taken in any order unless set for a time certain)

- A. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL – 10:00 A.M.**
- B. INTRODUCTIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND AGENCY STAFF**
 - 1. Board Statement -** “As Board members we are gathered to be the stewards and the voice of Arizona State Parks’ Mission Statement: Managing and Conserving Arizona’s Natural, Cultural, and Recreational Resources, Both In Our Parks and Through Our Partners for the Benefit of the People.”
- C. CONSENT AGENDA -** The following items of a noncontroversial nature have been grouped together for a single vote without Board discussion. The Consent Agenda is a timesaving device and Board members received documentation on these items for their review prior to the open meeting. Any Board member may remove any item from the Consent Agenda for discussion and a separate vote at this meeting as deemed necessary. The public may view the documentation relating to the Consent Agenda at the Board's office, 1300 W. Washington, Suite 104, Phoenix, Arizona.
 - 1. Approve Minutes of August 22, 2008 State Parks Board Meeting**
 - 2. Approve Minutes of Executive Session of August 22, 2008 State Parks Board Meeting**
 - 3. Approve Minutes of July 17 Planning Session and Workshop**
 - 4. Approve Minutes of July 18, 2007 State Parks Board Meeting**
 - 5. Authorization to Acquire Perez Property Behind Tombstone Court House Historic State Park**
- D. BOARD ACTION ITEMS**
 - 1. Summary of Staff Funding Recommendations for Competitive Grant Programs**
 - a. Consider Staff Recommendations for Funding FY 2008 Local, Regional and State Parks Heritage Fund (LRSP) and FFY 2008 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Projects.** Staff recommends awarding \$2,961,405 to the 8 highest-rated FY 2008 LRSP/FFY 2008 LWCF grant

applications.

- b. Consider Staff Recommendations for Funding FY 2008 1st Cycle Historic Preservation Heritage Fund Grant Projects and set-aside funding.** Staff recommends awarding \$542,293 to the six highest-rated grant applications, and also recommends set-aside funding to Arizona State Parks Development for \$150,000 and to the State Historic Preservation Office for \$100,000.
 - c. Consider Staff Recommendations for Funding FY 2008 Trails Heritage Fund Grant Projects.** Staff recommends awarding \$734,228 to the seven highest-rated FY 2008 Trails Heritage Fund grant applications.
 - d. Consider Funding the FY 20078 Recreational Trails Program (Motorized Portion) Grant Projects.** Staff recommends awarding \$1,332,297 to the six projects pending completion of Section 106 requirements and obtaining National Environmental Policy Act concurrence from the Federal Highway Administration.
 - e. Consider Funding the FY 2008 Growing Smarter State Trust Land Acquisition Projects.** Staff recommends awarding \$32,193,855 to the City of Phoenix for the purchase of 715.419 (+/-) acres of the Phoenix Sonoran Preserve, Priority 2B, and \$3,500,000 to Pima County for the purchase of 320 acres of Tumamoc Hill.
 - f. Consider Request from LaPaz County Sheriff's Office to Carry Over Balance from 2007 LEBSF Money to FY 2008 Funding Cycle.** Staff recommends that the request be denied.
 - g. Consider the review and final approval for State Lake Improvement Fund #780704, Bullhead City Acquisition of Section 12.** Staff recommends the approval of the grant based upon the updated appraisal dated February 29, 2008, and the appraisal review report dated July 7, 2008.
- 2. Proposed FY 2009 State Parks Fees –** Staff recommends that the Arizona State Parks Board allow staff to proceed with public meetings to obtain public comment pertaining to said fee changes.
 - 3. Set Meeting Date for Arizona State Parks Board Strategic Planning Update and Discussion**
 - 4. Establish Annual Presentations and Dialog with the Board's Advisory Committees**

E. EXECUTIVE STAFF UPDATES

- 1. Fiscal Years 2009, 2010 and 2011 Budget Updates**
- 2. Contact Point, Jerome Rehabilitation before the Joint Committee on Capital Review**
- 3. Concession Contracts review**
- 4. Update on Spur Cross/Vertes Litigation**
- 5. Letter of Concern Regarding Waste Transfer Station Near Oracle State Park**

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F. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Letter to the Governor and Potential Agency Study on Financial Sustainability**
 2. **Potential Donation by Morningstar Ranch, Santa Cruz County**
 3. **Update on Acquisition of Rockin' River Ranch**
 4. **Potential Acquisition of Sonoita Creek Ranch**
 5. **Director's Hiring Subcommittee Report**
- G. Executive Director's Summary of Current Events** – The Executive Director may present a brief summary of current events. There will be no discussion, deliberation or legal action taken on this item.
- H. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Upon a public majority vote, the Board may hold an Executive Session which is not open to the public for the following purposes:
1. **To discuss or consult with its legal counsel for legal advice on matters listed on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.A.3.**
 - a. **Recruitment of an Executive Director**
 - b. **Suit Filed Against the State of Arizona, Arizona State Parks by Keith Vertes and Scott Mead regarding the Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area**
- I. CALL TO THE PUBLIC** – Consideration and discussion of comments and complaints from the public. Those wishing to address the Board must register at the door and be recognized by the Chair. It is probable that each presentation will be limited to one person per organization. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study or reschedule the matter for further consideration at a later time.
- J. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING AND CALL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
1. **The Board will discuss location for the next meeting to be held on November 21, 2008 at _____.**
 2. **Board members may wish to discuss issues of concern and request staff to place specific items on future Board meeting agendas.**
- K. ADJOURNMENT**

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Arizona State Parks does not discriminate on the basis of disability regarding admission to public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting the acting ADA Coordinator, Karen Farias, (602)364-0632; or TTY(602) 542-4174. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

APPROVED: _____
Kenneth E. Travous, Executive Director